

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Sorenson et al.  
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FOOD PRODUCTS OR SIMILAR ITEMS

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT "B"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated November 19, 2008. The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on February 19, 2009. Please extend the time for a response by one month, to March 19, 2009. The extension of time fee is paid herewith. Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 14 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet appendix and annotated sheets showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 15 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 22 of this paper. Also attached is a copy of "Cutting meat to order for the supermarkets", Design Engineering, Morgan-Grampian Ltd. London, GB, November 1999, page 58, reference in this paper.